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VP Bereitschaft in Halle.

- About 90 percent of the enlisted police and NCOs of the former 2d VP Bereitschaft of Land Thuringia in Langensalza were transferred to Halle (M 52/D 92) in December 1950, leaving on trucks, and always at night, and taking with them all weapons and equipment of the unit. They were quartered in a barracks installation in the center of Halle where, besides the infantry Kommandos of the former 2d VP Bereitschaft, one artillery unit and one tank unit were to be quartered. The officers of the former 2d VP Bereitschaft were temporarily transferred to a VP officer collecting camp in Muehlhausen, from where they were reassigned to other units. Only a guard detachment was stationed in Langensalza in January 1951. *

VP Bereitschaft in Rostock.

- At the end of January 1951, the VP Bereitschaft in Rostock (M 55/O 81) was organized into three infantry Kommandos, two artillery Abteilungen, two engineer Abteilungen, two tank Abteilungen, one signal Abteilung and one Sonderabteilung, allegedly a rocket launcher unit. Equipment was available only for the infantry Kommandos, each Kommando having three 125-mm mortars, four 83-mm mortars, two model 08 machine guns, two model 34 light machine guns, twelve submachine guns and fifty model 98 carbines. Additional Soviet weapons were kept under lock in the ordnance rooms.
- Key officers of the unit were VP Kommandeur Ruebeling, (fnu), commanding officer, and VP Kommandeur Brendel, (fnu), PK officer.
- The Bereitschaft was newly activated under the VP reorganization program. From 50 to 60 police of the old VP Bereitschaft were discharged, having been given furloughs from 1 to 31 December 1951 to find civilian employment. Security measures in the barracks installation were intensified and leaves curtailed in late January 1951. **

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*  Comment. The newly activated VP Bereitschaft was probably quartered in the Kluever Kaserne, which had been kept prepared for occupation by Volkspolizei since the beginning of December 1950.

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See  The occupation of the Kluever Kaserne by VP units was previously reported. See . 25X1A

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**  Comment. The new VP Bereitschaft in Rostock is believed to have been activated from the personnel of the VP school there. Its organization corresponds approximately to that of the other new-type VP Bereitschaften.

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